

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment is required to correct typographical errors. The amendment does not change the scope of the claims. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is requested.

Claims 2, 3, 10 and 11 are currently being amended. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12 are now pending in this application.

Furthermore, Applicants note that references BA, BB, BC and BD in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 8, 2004 were not initialed, while other references were indicated to be considered by the Examiner on September 12, 2006. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the references in question and return a properly initialed form prior to the issuance of the patent. Page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 is re-submitted herewith.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Rule 312 amendment. In the event this is not correct, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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